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Lebanon

Tripartite Negotiations -- President Amin al-Jumayyil and Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan met with U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib and other U.S. officials to learn details of the Israeli stand toward the negotiations, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. Al-Wazzan also discussed the course of the Lebanese-Israeli-U.S. negotiations with Soviet Ambassador Aleksandr Soldatov, according to Beirut radio.

Al-Biqa' Situation -- Israeli artillery opened fire at Syrian positions twice in the last 2 days and Israeli aircraft staged intensive overflights in southern Lebanon, Beirut radio reported on 29 March. The Syrians responded by reinforcing their positions, the radio said. According to diplomatic sources cited by the Voice of Lebanon, Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni has ordered the Iranian gunmen in Al-Biqa' to return to Iran.

Syria

'Attar Interview -- The USSR "will take a direct part in fighting" if Israel attacks Syrian forces in Lebanon, AFP reported citing a TISHRIN interview with Culture Minister Najah 'Attar. She described recent remarks by Soviet Ambassador to Lebanon Aleksandr Soldatov, who said the Soviet Union will stand beside Syria in the event of Israeli aggression, as "going beyond traditional diplomatic statements" and defining "a firm political and military attitude" that constitutes a new interpretation of the Soviet-Syrian friendship treaty. Monitored Syrian broadcasts have not reported 'Attar's interview.

Turkish Foreign Minister Visit -- Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam met with Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen in Damascus to discuss bilateral relations and the Middle East situation, according to SANA.

Al-Qadhdhafi Speech

Libya pledges full support for Nicaragua and its forces are "at the disposal of the Sandinista front" in the face of the "blind American military threat," Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi declared during a speech at the Jamal 'Abd al-Nasir Airbase broadcast live by Tripoli radio. He also announced that Libya's "people's congresses" have decided to conclude a mutual defense pact with North Korea and that Libya and Algeria have signed an agreement in which Algeria "declared its intention to proceed without hesitation along the path of unity with Libya." The agreement was reached during Staff Major 'Abd as-Salam Jallud's visit to Algeria, Al-Qadhdhafi noted.

In his speech Al-Qadhdhafi attacked the Egyptian and Sudanese regimes and expressed regret that Libya had helped abort Hashim al-Ata's procommunist coup against Sudanese President Ja'far Numayri in 1971. Al-Qadhdhafi said any Arab regime that reestablishes contact with Egypt should be "destroyed" and reaffirmed that Libya will never recognize Israel, even if the PLO does. He also said the Arabs should mobilize forces to defend Syria against Israel and stressed that Libya is ready to send troops to aid the Syrians.

Israel

Health Ministry and IDF Medical Corps personnel have concluded that there is no evidence of intentional or unintentional poisoning in the Janin area and rejected reports that nerve gas is involved, IDF Radio reported.

PLO Affairs

'Arafat Activities -- PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat arrived in Baghdad from Riyadh and met with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq 'Aziz, INA reported.

Reaction to Janin Incident -- A PLO spokesman accused the Israeli Government and army of responsibility for the recent "gassing" of Palestinian children on the West Bank, according to AFP. The spokesman declared that the PLO reserves the right "to riposte" as it thinks best, AFP added.

POW Exchange

Senior PLO officials denied reports that an agreement has been reached with Israel to release 8 Israeli POW's in return for the release of 1,000 Palestinians, Jerusalem radio reported. The PLO officials also denied that the Israeli prisoners have been transferred to Tunis. Israeli Foreign Ministry and Defense Ministry officials stated that they know nothing about an agreement concerning exchanges of prisoners, the radio added.

Inter-Arab Affairs

Jordan's King Husayn received Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Sa'ud al-Faysal, who conveyed a message to the king from Saudi King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, Amman television reported.

In another development Morocco and Algeria will resume diplomatic relations during the "coming few weeks," KUNA announced citing an official Moroccan source.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Iraqi antiaircraft defense units shot down an Iranian plane in the Ash-Shib area on 29 March, INA claimed citing an Iraqi military source.

Iraq

A consortium of international banks, including the Bank of China, granted a $500 million loan to Iraq assumed by the financial community to be linked with the Iraq-Iran war, AFP reported.

Iran

Revolution guards and other security forces have dealt further blows to "counter-revolutionaries" in Kurdish areas of western Iran, according to a Guards Corps communique broadcast by Tehran radio. Two prominent Kurdish commanders were killed in a recent purge of rebel hideouts, the communique said.

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TEXT OF NONALIGNEL SUMMIT'S NEW DELHI MESSAGE

BK251249 Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English 14 Mar 83 p 8

["Text" of New Delhi message -- date not given; all quotation marks as received]

[Text] "Our world is increasingly turbulent and insecure. International economic relations continue to be characterized by inequality, domination and exploitation. The gravity of the situation is evident in the intensification of the arms race, in the resistance of the strong to the intiatives for change in favour of the weak, in great power involvement in regional conflicts and in the threat of a worldwide nuclear catastrophe.

"Peace and peaceful co-existence, independence, disarmament and development are the central issues of our time but peace must be based on justice and equality because the intolerable inequality and exploitation established by colonialism and imperialism remain the most important causes of tension, conflict and violence in the world.

"We, the heads of state or government of non-aligned countries, appeal to the great powers to halt the arms race which is consuming at an ever-increasing rate, the scarce material resources of our planet, destroying the ecological balance and wasting much of our finest scientific talent in sterile and destructive pursuits. These should be used to revitalise and restructure the world economy. The resources released by measures of disarmament should be diverted to promote the development of developing countries.

"The non-aligned countries, speaking for the majority of the world community, want an immediate halt to the drift towards nuclear conflict which threatens not only the well-being of humanity in our times but of future generations as well. The nuclear weapon powers must heed this voice of the people of the world. From all indications, 1983 may be a crucial year for nuclear disarmament. We urge the nuclear weapon powers to adopt urgent and practical measures for the prevention of nuclear war. They should agree on an international convention prohibiting the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons in any circumstances and stop further production and deployment of nuclear weapons. It is also essential that they observe existing arms limitation agreements seeking to negotiate broader and more effective programmes leading to general and complete disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, under international supervision.

"The world economic crisis, which originated in some of the major industrialized countries, has now become truly global in character and scope. In developed countries it has led to economic stagnation and rising unemployment to which they have reacted by adopting protectionist and other inward-looking policies. In developing countries, whose economies are specially vulnerable, it has led to enormous balance of payments deficits, mounting debt burdens and worsening terms of trade due to the steep fall in their commodity prices and to the sharp rise in the price of industrial products which they have to import. All had brought many of these countries to the brink of disaster.

"Never before have the economic fortunes of the developed and developing nations been so closely linked together. Yet many rich nations of the world are turning in the midst of this common crisis to the catastrophic bilateralism of the 1920s and 1980s [as published] rather than to enlightened multilaterialism. They still refuse to recognize that the economic revival of the North is simply not possible without the economic survival of the South. Solutions to these problems must necessarily be global.

"The present crisis has demonstrated the inadequacy of the existing international economic order to deal with the problems of development. A thorough-going restructuring of this order through a process of global negotiations is necessary. All hurdles must now be overcome so that these negotiations can be launched without delay. Non-aligned countries are committed to strive for the establishment of the new international order of justice and equity.

"Concurrently, immediate measures must be taken to start a process of recovery and to bring the world economy back to the path of sustained growth. The activation and stimulation of the growth process in the developing countries must be a key objective of this endeavour. Immediate measures are needed in several areas.

Special emphasis must be placed on enabling developing countries, particularly the least developed countries, to solve their acute balance of payments problems without interrupting their development process. At the same time, satisfaction of their basic needs of food and energy, enhanced access to markets and fair prices for commodities must be ensured.

Protectionist trends must be reversed and immediate measures to dismantle trade barriers implemented. It is necessary to put an end to unequal exchange between developed and developing countries. Besides, many developing countries are in a tragic situation because of their inability to meet their debt obligations. This serious problem should be urgently addressed.

"We propose the immediate convening of an international conference on money and finance for development, with universal participation, and a comprehensive restructuring of the international monetary and financial system."

"We are deeply concerned about the tensions and confrontations between the great powers and their disturbing effects on non-aligned countries. We are determined to resist economic and political pressures that might be exerted by any great power against small and vulnerable states.

Urgent political issues, such as the pressing need to restore to the brave Palestinian people who are waging a heroic struggle against Israeli forces, their inalienable right to establish a national sovereign state of their own in accordance with UN resolutions; the withdrawal of Israel from Jerusalem, occupied Palestine and Arab territories from Lebanon [as published]; the independence of Namibia to be achieved by the speedy implementation of Security Council Resolution 435; the need to achieve peace in Central America through political negotiations between the parties concerned; as well as the problems in South-East Asia, South-West Asia, the Indian Ocean, the Mediterranean and other areas in the world, call for a sincere effort on the part of all countries of the world to resolve them in accordance with the principles of peace and justice, independence and equality.

No less urgent is the common responsibility of all of us to ensure that our fellow human beings everywhere live in dignity and honour. Many wrongs have been perpetrated on the Continent of Africa and its long-suffering people. The people of South Africa are bravely struggling against the obnoxious and oppressive system of racism and apartheid. We reaffirm our solidarity with the African people and their noble cause. There are some great powers in a position to help achieve this objective faster and hopefully, with less suffering all round. We earnestly urge them to do so.

"We on our part, are committed, to pressing these and other critical issues at the 38th session of the United Nations General Assembly. We urge the heads of state or government of all countries of the world to join us there. We stand ready to cooperate with them in finding equitable, fair speedy and just solutions to these problems. Our destiny is common.

The crisis which confronts our civilisation today is unprecedented in history. Great tasks call for wise decisions. We appeal to the great powers to give up mistrust, engage in sincere, forward-looking negotiations in a spirit of shared good faith to reach agreement on various disarmament measures and to find a way out of the deepening economic crisis which threatens all of us.

Unitedly, the members of the Non-aligned Movement are prepared to do everything in their power to assist in this process. The earth belongs to us all -- let us cherish it in peace and true brotherhood based on the dignity and equality of man.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS CONDEMN REAGAN'S 'INTERFERENCE'

LD271930 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 27 Mar 83

[Text] A protest announcement by the DRA Department of Islamic Affairs and the DRA Council of Ulema and Religious Leaders condemns interference by the criminal U.S. Government in the internal affairs of our dear Muslim country, Afghanistan:

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate.

We ulema and religious leaders of the Islamic Affairs Department and the Supreme Council of DRA Ulema and Religious Leaders heard once again on 21 March through the mass media that Ronald Reagan, President of the warmongering republic of the tyrannical U.S. Government, expressed his support for and solidarity with the Muslim-looking bands of the Afghan counterrevolutionaries and has declared his continued support.

We deem it our religious, conscientious, and national duty to raise our voice in protest against this and inform our Muslim people about this satanical conspiracy.

Muslim and faithful compatriots, Ronald Reagan, this true enemy of the sacred religion of Islam and all Muslims of the (?region) and the world, once again revealed his satanical face and open interference in the domestic affairs of our free, independent, and Muslim country, contrary to all human rights and the UN Charter. Through this shameless interference, he does not allow our Muslim, noble, and toiling people to live in peace, tranquillity, brotherhood, and equality.

This spring, our people are hoping for and desire peace and have risen to support their revolutionary state with all their strength. They have welcomed the new year's message of Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council, with patriotic, Islamic, and national enthusiasm and fervor; have received this message as a good portent; and are striving to move ahead at the threshold of the fifth anniversary of the April Revolution. The satanical voice of Ronald Reagan rose at this time to say that he is supporting the people of Afghanistan.

Our Muslim people are aware; they realize that the meaning of this leads to inflaming the war, fratricide, the killing of Muslims, and the disruption of peace and tranquillity. The so-called help of this satan and (?arrogant) man is not really help; it is the destruction of mosques, takia khana's [Shi'ite prayer places], schools, bridges, roads, factories, and farms. Our people know that criminal U.S. imperialism is embarking on the massacre and killing of Muslim toilers in Palestine, Jerusalem, Lebanon, and other parts of the world. Our people each and every day have felt with their own flesh the harmful and detrimental effects and material and moral losses of this so-called aid. Thus, they have expressed their hatred and rejection of this help.

Therefore, the DRA Department of Islamic Affairs and the members of the Supreme Council of Ulema and Religious Leaders strongly condemn criminal Reagan's policy concerning his undeclared war against our homeland, which results in the killing of a number of our innocent compatriots.

Faithful Muslims of Afghanistan, with the strength of your faith, relying on Almighty God, where ever you are, with your national and Islamic (?unity), rise up against the satanical conspiracy of this great satan with your Afghan honor. Continue your support for your revolutionary government and the chairman of the Revolutionary Council, esteemed Babrak Karmal. Don't let this condemned satan and non-Islamic mercenaries disrupt your peaceful lives.

We, the ulema and religious leaders of the Department of Islamic Affairs and the Supreme Council of Ulema and Religious Leaders of the DRA, raise our hands in prayer to the Almighty God to bestow upon you the final victory, to curse your enemies, and to inflict His wrath upon them.

God be with you. Amen! O Lord of the universe!

AFP REPORT REVIEWS INSURGENTS' TACTICS

BK251019 Hong Kong AFP in English 0957 GMT 25 Mar 83

[Text] New Delhi, March 25 (AFP) -- For the first time since Soviet troops rolled into Afghanistan more than three years ago, Afghan insurgents managed this winter to bring the war into the heart of Kabul.

A Western diplomatic report, reviewing the Afghan scene up to March 1, said that the Soviets have failed to crush the Afghan Moslem resistance, which itself has failed to capture any major city.

It said that by taking the war into the heart of the Afghan capital last December and January, the insurgents triggered a psychological shock among Kabulis who had learned to live with the Soviet presence and a measure of despondency among government officials and Afghan Communist Party cadres.

Soviet and Eastern European civilian residents of Mycrorayon, Kabul's residential district for families of foreign diplomats, military officers and advisers, went through a night of terror in January, the document said.

It said insurgents staged a daring mortar attack on Kabul, which was plunged into darkness after its electrical power station was sabotaged.

Rocket and machine-gun attacks against Mycrorayon and the Soviet Embassy continued even last month and scores of Afghan Communist cadres living in the district were murdered by the insurgents, the report added.

The report also said the rebel attacks against Kabul were apparently coordinated with raids which cut roads leading into the Afghan capital, particularly the one used by convoys from the Soviet Union.

Kabul was without fuel and supplies for the two months until January when a heavily protected convoy brought fuel, which however remains a rare and costly commodity, the report said.

The Soviets have a hard time keeping the roads open as the insurgents are better armed and [words indistinct] anti-aircraft weaponry which (?have) enabled on several occasions to counter the Soviet air cover for the convoys, it said.

The document said that several ammunition and supply convoys were intercepted on the Qandahar-Gazni road south of Kabul.

Meanwhile the Afghan Government is said to have launched a new major recruitment drive last year, drafting all men aged between 15 and 60.

The report spoke of daily police swoops on the bazaar, Kabul's central market, saying that only young Afghans who have done their military service were now allowed to go to college.

On the economic front, the afghani, the national currency, dropped about 22 percent in relation to the dollar last year. The Soviet-Afghan trade balance, in favor of Kabul, also went down from 300 million dollars in 1981 to 100 million dollars last year, the report said.

The report said the devaluation of the Afghan currency in relation to the dollar and the yen meant that the Afghan economy was now more firmly tied to that of the Soviet-led communist bloc. It added that a new Afghan currency might soon be put into circulation.

In conclusion, the report said Moscow had no other choice but to tighten its control of Afghanistan and Moslem insurgents were forced to escalate their resistance at the risk of greater human losses.

ERSHAD ON RESTRICTIONS ON INDOOR POLITICS

BK251744 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 25 Mar 83

[Excerpt] The chief martial law administrator, Lieutenant General H.M. Ershad, has said that restrictions on indoor political activities will be withdrawn from the first of next month. This, he said, will facilitate the planned political dialogue. Addressing the nation over radio and television on the eve of the independence and national day, General Ershad (?recalled) his government's pledge to establish real democracy and restore fundamental rights of the people. To this end, he said, it is desirable to reach a consensus through talks with all political leaders.

USSR TO PROVIDE LOAN TO AID THERMAL POWER PLANT

BK280801 Dhaka BSS in English 0652 GMT 28 Mar 83

[Text] Dhaka, March 28 (BSS) -- The Soviet Union has entered into an agreement with Bangladesh to provide over 78 million dollars as loan to increase the thermal power generation capacity in the country.

The loan will be used for the construction of 210 megawatt generator, the 4th unit of the Ghorasal Thermal Power Station (TPS) about fifty kilometres from here.

The agreement stipulates supply of design, equipment and materials for the power station by the USSR and deputation of Soviet specialists for technical assistance in the construction work. The project is expected to be completed by July 1987.

The third unit of the Ghorasal TPS with equal generating capacity (210 mw) is now under construction with Soviet assistance and is scheduled for completion by end of next year.

The first two units of the power plant having 55 megawatt capacity each came into operation in 1974 and 1976 respectively.

The Soviet side described the agreement for the 4th unit of the power station as the largest contract in the history of Soviet-Bangladesh economic and technical cooperation.

When completed, Ghorasal TPS will be one of the biggest power generation projects in the country having a capacity of 530 megawatt. The power plant will use natural gas as fuel.

ENVOY'S GIVING EVIDENCE TO CONGRESS 'DENIED'

BK281705 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 28 Mar 83

[Text] The External Affairs Ministry today denied that the Indian ambassador in Washington, Mr Nayaranan, had given evidence before a U.S. congressional committee on the recent killings in Assam. Newsmen were officially told in New Delhi that there can be no question whatsoever of our ambassador appearing to give evidence before any congressional committee. The ambassador had only met some members of the U.S. Congress informally. His report on this is awaited.

POLICE SHOOTINGS REPORTED IN WEST BENGAL

BK281255 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 28 Mar 83

[Text] In West Bengal two persons were killed and several others injured in police firing at two places today. One person died at Maniktola in Calcutta when police fired to quell two warring groups. The other incident occurred at Ghooghoodanga in 24 Paraganas District when an armed gang of criminals hurled a bomb at a picket.

RAO, FRANCE'S CHEYSSON HOLD TALKS IN NEW DELHI

BK281646 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 28 Mar 83

[Text] India and France today called for early commencement of global negotiations on restructuring the international economic order. Both agreed that it is not the preserve of the big powers to decide the fate of the world. The French Foreign Minister Mr Claude Cheysson, who made a brief stopover in New Delhi today, had 2 hours of discussions with the External Affairs Minster Mr Narasimha Rao. They reviewed the major international events, including the situation in West Asia and Southeast asia. Mr Cheysson extended the French Government's full support for the call given by the Seventh Nonaligned Summit for early global negotiations. He said France has an explicit faith in the capability of small group of nations shaping their own future.

REPORTAGE ON CONTINUED VIOLENCE IN ASSAM

Bomb Explosion

BK281142 Hong Kong AFP in English 1132 GMT 28 Mar 83

[Excerpt] New Delhi, March 28 (AFP) -- Narukol Basti area in Gauhati City, capital of the disturbed northeastern Assam, was rocked by a powerful bomb blast late last night, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA reported today.

The bomb, which exploded in the compound of a high official of the state government, caused minor damage to the building. There were no casualties, the report said.

The blast came only hours after Assam protest leaders declared a truce in their four-year action against alleged illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and Nepal, in which thousands have died.

The situation in Nisdhing and nearby areas in Nowgong District remained tense for the second day today following murder of two farmers by a gang of miscreants while ploughing in their fields Sunday, the report said.

Suspending of Agitation Welcomed

BK281643 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 28 Mar 83

[Text] Leaders of nine political parties in Assam have appealed to the people to make an all-out effort to restore peace and harmony in the state. In a joint statement in Gauhati, they said the recent disturbances have affected thousands of people. Never before had violence and dissension rocked the society in this manner. Earlier, they discussed the present situation at a meeting convened by the chief minister, Mr Hiteshwar Saikia.

The Assam Pradesh [state] Youth Congress-I today welcomed the decision of the All Assam Students Union and the All Assam Gana Sangram Parashid to suspend their agitation on the foreign national issue. In a statement it said that the (?greater) need of the hour is relief, rehabilitation and integration among all communities in the state.

The overall situation in the state is reported to be quiet.

DEFENSE MINISTRY REPORT NOTES PAKISTANI ARMS

BK261043 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 26 Mar 83

[Text] The Defense Ministry says India will have to maintain utmost vigilance in view of the disquieting reports that Pakistan is taking the path to nuclear weaponry. The ministry's annual report refers to the massive U.S. arms induction into Pakistan. While India will continue its efforts to normalize relations with Pakistan, the fact also remains that the bulk of their armed forces continued to be deployed on frontiers with India.

The report, which was presented to parliament yesterday, reviews the international situation and expresses grave concern at the apparent breakdown of detente between the big powers. It says that attempts to use economic sanctions both in the East and the West as an instrument of influence have aggravated tension and added another dimension to power rivalry.

Referring to the process of planning for defense, the report says that the emphasis at present is on modernization and replacement of equipment and self-reliance. Steps have been taken to improve the firepower of the Army and its mobility and night fighting capacity.

ENRICHED URANIUM FROM FRANCE EXPECTED EARLY MAY

BK261629 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 26 Mar 83

[Text] The first consignment of 19.8 tons of enriched uranium for the Tarapur plant from France is expected to arrive by the first week of May. Chief executive of the nuclear fuel complex at Hyderabad in the southern state of India, Dr N. Kundala Rao, told United News of India today that after receiving the consignment complete production plan will be chalked out. The fuel will be ready for Tarapur by January next year, he added. Supply from France will be in the form of uranium [words indistinct].

REOPENING OF KARACHI UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCED

BK281631 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 28 Mar 83

[Text] According to an official announcement, Karachi University and NAD Engineering University will reopen tomorrow.

It has been officially announced in Lahore that all colleges in Punjab will remain closed 2-8 April for spring vacation.

ZIA URGES CREATION OF SPIRIT OF SELF-RELIANCE

BK281045 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 28 Mar 83

[Excerpt] The president, General Mohammad Ziaul Haq, has called upon the nation to create a spirit of self-reliance to achieve progress and prosperity and to ensure impregnable defense of the country. Inauguarating the second all-Pakistan social welfare conference at (Big Gazi) near Karachi this morning, he said through self-reliance they can overcome all their difficulties and lead the country toward a welfare state. He emphasized that if we maintain unity in our ranks, remain steadfast in our faith and ideology and do not fritter away our energies in sectarian conflicts, we would be able to achieve great successes in every walk of national life. We must pledge to remain true Muslims and true Pakistanis.

About the defense of the country, he said 85 million people, who are imbibed with spirit of dedication and sacrifice, are the best guarantee for it.

The president referred to the intervention by a foreign power into Afghanistan and said it was the courage and spirit of self-reliance which had enabled the Afghan freedom fighters to continue their struggle for the last 3 years.

FURTHER REPORTAGE ON ITALY'S COLOMBO'S VISIT

Economic Panel Set Up

BK280409 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 28 Mar 83

[Text] Pakistan and Italy have agreed to set up a joint economic commission as soon as possible which would hold sessions at regular intervals to institutionalize the system of exchange of views on economic cooperation between the two countries. At the conclusion of the visit by Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo, it was officially stated in a statement in Islamabad last night that an agreement in principle had also been reached on a number of specific projects and proposals which would strengthen the existing ties between the two countries. The statement says Italy will make its assistance available for the electrification of the Sibi-Quetta rail line besides providing training facilities on various fields.

Under an agreement signed in Islamabad last night, Italy will provide medical personnel, mobile x-ray units ambulances, and other equipment to assist in plan to combat tuberculosis.

The Italian foreign minister, addressing a press conference in Islamabad last evening, said the Western countries as well as the rest of world consider the Afghanistan crisis not only as a local or regional one, but also one of the most serious crises of the world at the present time.

About bilateral relations, Colombo said he had informed the president and other Pakistani officials that in the forthcoming consortium meeting new decisions would be taken about the development of Pakistan. He said like other countries Italy would increase its financial assistance in this connection.

Colombo Leaves Islamabad

BK280825 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0600 GMT 28 Mar 83

[Text] Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo left Islamabad for home at the conclusion of his visit to Pakistan. Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan and high officials of the Foreign Ministry saw him off at the airport.

FRANCE'S CHEYSSON BEGINS OFFICIAL VISIT

Arrives 28 March

BK281652 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 28 Mar 83

[Text] French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson, accompanied by a five-member delegation, arrived in Islamabad a short while ago on a 4-day official visit to Pakistan. Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan received him at the airport. Cheysson will have formal talks with the Pakistan foreign minister in Islamabad tomorrow morning. He also is expected to meet with the Federal Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan.

A Radio Pakistan representative has said that Cheysson's present visit is part of the high-level contacts that are held between the two countries to exchange views on the international and regional situation and bilateral issues. During the visit, the two countries will exchange views on major events in the region and definitely on the latest situation on the Afghanistan issue.

Remarks on Arrival

BK290149 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 28 Mar 83

[Excerpt] The French minister for external relations, Claude Cheysson, arrived in Islamabad this evening on a 4-day official visit to Pakistan. He was received at the airport by Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan.

Talking to newsmen, the French minister for external relations said he would discuss with his Pakistani counterpart problems in South Asia, the Middle East as well as bilateral, international and matters of common interest. He said France has the same basic approach about the Afghanistan problem as that of Pakistan. He said France cannot accept that any country should be occupied by foreign forces and the right of self-determination be denied.

Talks With Yaqub Khan

BK291028 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 29 Mar 83

[Text] Talks were held in Islamabad today between the French minister for external relations, Claude Cheysson, and the Pakistan foreign minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan. They discussed matters of bilateral and common interest and regional and international issues. Earlier, the two foreign ministers exchanged views on matters of common interest.

DAWN ON ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION

GF271430 Karachi DAWN in English 25 Mar 83 p 1

[Text] Rawalpindi, March 24: The president, General Ziaul Haq, said here yesterday that there would be no letup on the part of his government to modernise the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Speaking at the Pakistan day military parade at the race course ground here, President Ziaul Haq said his government would make the Armed Forces stronger and stronger with the requirements of times.

The president made it clear that this would not be done to attack any country but to defend ourselves.

Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq told the nation that with the grace of Almighty Allah the defence of Pakistan was in the safe hands of its Armed Forces who imbued with Pakistan's ideology and were fully conscious of their duties towards their country.

Speaking at the thrilling "Pakistan day" military parade at the sprawling race course grounds in Rawalpindi before lakhs [hundreds of thousands] of people, he said, the nation should rest assured that, Insha' Allah, the Armed Forces, as always, would remain completely alert and prepared to protect the integrity of the country.

Dressed in full general's uniform, the president had also a piece of advice for the Armed Forces. Stating that Armed Forces was that institution of Pakistan whose patriotism, organisation and discipline had become a household word across the country as a result of which the nation had come to have full confidence in their capabilities. They must fulfill the confidence reposed in them by the nation, he said.

The president spoke from the grandstand in pleasant sunshine with a cross-section of Pakistan's military might and manpower arrayed in front of him on the green race course arena down below. The stands on either side of the grandstand were full to capacity with national and foreign dignitaries.

Mentioning the role of the Armed Forces as country's periodic saviour institution, President Zia, who is also the chief of staff of the Army, said history bore testimony to the fact that the Armed Forces had never in the past disappointed the nation. The Armed Forces always rescued the country from every kind of crisis, he added.

The highpoint of the two and half hour parade was spectacular flypast by the best planes in the weapon system of Pakistan's Air Force. These were the F-16s, Mirages, A-5s and F-6s, with their awe inspiring features these planes thrilled the spectators who lustily cheered their pilots.

Air Chief Marshal Muhammad Anwar Shamim, chief of the Air Staff, led the flypast in an F-16 followed by a formation of the same aircraft and larger formations of Mirages, A-5s and F-6s.

It was the first exposure to public of the supersonic F-16, called the "fourth generation aircraft", and also A-5s. The two high-performance aircraft were acquired by Pakistan Air Force in recent months from the United States and China.

With the perennial smile on his face President Ziaul Haq joined lakhs [hundreds of thousands] of spectators in the ground to give a big hand to the fliers of F-16s and A-5s.

In his speech also the president made particular mention of the two latest acquisitions. He told the mass of spectators that the latest addition of F-16s and A-5s was a chain in Pakistan's plans to modernise its Armed Forces. Their flight, their speed and their thunder, the president believed, would infuse new confidence and flurry in the hearts of Pakistani people.

Also on display in the joint military parade were other modern weapons of the Army, including the famous Crotail missiles.

While referring to the efforts of Pakistan to modernise its Army, Navy and Air Force the president said in his speech that there would be no let-up on the part of his government in this regard. "These efforts will continue because it is our right", he said emphatically.

The president said that his government would make the Armed Forces stronger and stronger with the requirements of times. However, he made it clear that this would not be done to attack any country," but to defend ourselves: For our protection and not for any country's destruction. We want to do this for our security and not to endanger the security of any other country. We would do this for safe-guarding our independence".

Continuing, the president said, Pakistan believed in peace, not war, friendship, not tension, and that Pakistan did not want destruction and devastation, but desired progress and prosperity for all.

Pakistan, he said, was gradually striving to replace its old weapons with new ones to promote peace and also to deter others from aggression.

Defence Minister Ali Ahmed Talpur, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Iqbal Khan, vice-chief of Army Staff General Sawar Khan, chief of Naval Staff Vice-Admiral Tariq Kamal Khan, and vice-chief of Air Staff Air Marshal A. Rashid, stood behind the president during the marathon parade. In later stages chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Anwar Shamim, Prince Karim Aga Khan, veteran Malaysian statesman Tunku Abdur Rahman and chief of staff of Royal Jordanian Army Major-General Fathi abu Taleb, joined them.

Another main point stressed by president in his speech was about the pledge the Muslims of South Asia had given to Allah at the time of adoption of Pakistan resolution in Lahore 43 years ago. He recalled that the pledge was that they would run the new Muslim state of Pakistan in accordance with the principles of Quran and Sunnah and would create a neat and clean society under the eternal tenets of Islam.

President Zia warned the Pakistani nation that the nations who forget their pledge to Allah and ignore their history do not meet a good fate. Those nations who break their pledge to Allah eventually incur the wrath of Allah. It was therefore, high time that the people of Pakistan renewed their pledge with the determination that they would spare no effort in making Pakistan a true Islamic state.

Besides elite and crack troops of the three services, detachments from country's para-military and civil armed forces also took part in the spectacular parade, and drew repeated applause from the huge crowd of spectators.

NEPAL

REPORTS ON PRC CONGRESS DELEGATIONS VISIT

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[Text] Katmandu, March 27 (AFP) -- King Birendra received the vice chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress, Ngapoi Ngawang Jigme, at the royal palace today.

Mr. Jigme, leading a ten-member high level parliamentarian delegation, earlier had visited Chinese aided development projects including Sunkoshi hydro electric power plant and a brick and tile factory, official sources said.

Delegation Departs 28 Mar

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[Excerpt] The vice chairman of the Standing Committee of Chinese National People's Congress, Ngapoi Ngawang Jigme, left Katmandu today for home at the end of the 6-day visit to Nepal. Mr Jigme had arrived in Katmandu on 23 March at the head of a 10-member Chinese delegation on the invitation of Rashtriya Panchayat Vice Chairman Gopal Chandra Singh Rajibanshi.

In a statement at the airport today, Mr Jigme has said that the visit to friendly Nepal has been crowned with complete success.

SRI LANKA

AFP REPORTS 25 PEOPLE ARRESTED AS TERRORIST SUSPECTS

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[Text] Colombo, March 28 (AFP) -- Special Army units fighting 'terrorism' by minority Tamils in northern Sri Lanka arrested 25 people over the weekend, the newspaper ISLAND reported today.

Quoting informed sources, the paper said the people were arrested in northeastern Trincomalee District about 285 kilometres (178 miles) from here after information had been received of a possible attack on some police stations.

Tamils militants have staged several attacks on police stations in the north resulting in the deaths of a number of policemen. They have also stolen a substantial quantity of arms and ammunition from the station armouries.

Some of the Tamils, mainly in the north, are seeking an independent state because of alleged discrimination by the majority Sinhala community.

Meanwhile the SUN newspaper reported today that the arrest of four youths from Trincomalee District had exposed the emergence of a fourth "terrorist force in the violent politics of north Sri Lanka".

The SUN said that evidence uncovered confirmed that this group was responsible for the ambush of an Army truck early this month, when men dressed in Army-type fatigues shot and wounded five soldiers.

TEXT OF TUDEH PARTY STATEMENT ON LEADERS' ARREST

TA241610 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian 1730 GMT 23 Mar 83

[First part of Tudeh Party Central Committee statement]

[Text] Dear compatriots: As you are aware, the Central Committee of the Iranian Tudeh Party has issued a statement in connection with the illegal arrest of a group of its leaders. Due to the existing political restrictions in the country, it is possible that not all of our ever-present-on-the-scene people are acquainted with the content of this statement. Therefore, in view of the fact that the elements of the rightists and the CIA-afflicted hojjatis, in order to aggravate the anti-Tudeh climate, have recently issued provocative statements in the name of this party, and as in the past when we brought the statements and messages by the leaders of all revolutionary forces, both religious and nonreligious, particularly those by Imam Khomeyni, to the attention of our struggling people, now also we deem it necessary in the name of defending freedom, right, and social justice to bring the statement by the Central Committee of the Iranian Tudeh Party to the attention of the dear compatriots.

In the statement by the Central Committee of the Iranian Tudeh Party, in connection with the illegal arrest of a group of the leaders of this party and its dangerous political consequences, it is stated: ultimately, provocations and plots against the Iranian Tudeh Party, which did not cease for one moment during the entire post-revolution period, reached their peak. A group of prominent leaders and the party's first secretary, Comrade Nureddin Kianuri, have been arrested on groundless and unfounded charges despite the explicit text of the Constitution and statements by responsible officials about respect for freedom of thought in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Comrade Kianupi is one of the great men in Iran's contemporary history. He has struggled for more than 40 years against the despised Pahlavi regime and for the defense of Iran's national independence and the rights of the working class. He has had a primary role in drafting and implementing the Iranian Tudeh Party's revolutionary policy aimed at maintaining the unity of all revolutionary forces, in decisively supporting the anti-imperialist and popular stance of the imam's line since 5 June 1963, and in neutralizing the plots against this line.

Each of the other arrested Iranian Tudeh Party leaders is unparalleled in service to the revolution and the toiling masses. Comrades Hajari, 'Amou'i, Saltuki, Bagherzadeh, Zolqadr, and Keymanesh spent 25 years each in the shah's prison for struggle on the path of national independence and against the shah's regime.

The illegal detention of the party's leaders, leveling unfounded charges against them, and the overt intimidation of the party and other dissenters not only concern the Iranian Tudeh Party, but concern the fate of the revolution. They aimed at consolidating the positions of the major landowners and capitalists in the government.

The Iranian Tudeh Party Central Committee statement then says: As we are aware, a struggle between two trends has existed during the 4 years following the revolution. The revolution has experienced many ups and downs. But what has always been rising during these 4 years has been the plundering income of the major capitalist merchants and the large landowners of cultivated land and urban property, who immediately following the revolution's victory, by taking advantage of the difficulties stemming from the economic blockade, the war, and the government's lack of programs, have gained unbelievable profits and have consistently consolidated and strengthened their positions in the country's economy. They have succeeded in concentrating and organizing all the forces against the Islamic Republic of Iran, from the Hojjatis to SAVAK and from the superficials to the liberals, in the vicinity and axis of the bazaar, and in entrenching themselves against the revolution's popular line.

During the past 4 years and particularly since last year, the trend toward defending capitalism by strengthening the bazaar's economic positions has succeeded in occupying an important role in the country's foreign policy. Although it is true that the slogan "Death to America" has still not faded, in practice, a major part of foreign trade, and basically Iran's foreign relations, are allocated to imperialist countries, in which the United States too, whether directly or indirectly, occupies an important place.

Despite the fact that in the 4 years following the revolution imperialist circles have not desisted for a single moment from plotting and inciting against the Iranian Revolution and have even not refrained and are not refraining from military intervention, overt threats and their more extensive repetition, the rightist tendency has succeeded in preserving and expanding the best genuine and informal relations with them and with countries dependent on them, such as Turkey and Pakistan. In contrast, they have succeeded in keeping relations with certain progressive countries such as Libya, Syria, and Algeria at the level of formalities, and in straining these relations now and then.

The "neither East nor West" policy, which could have been interpreted as nonalignment and seeking independence, was interpreted by the rightists and imperialist elements as anti-Soviet policy and against the socialist countries. This has reached such an extent that if imperialist countries plot against Iran and strain their relations with Iran, these elements intensify the policy of creating incidents and of straining relations with socialist countries allegedly to maintain the balance. Of course, during the past 4 years, this rightist tendency firmly was resisted by anti-imperialist and popular forces in and around the leadership. Although the revolutionary tendency has been able at certain junctures to take giant steps forward, unfortunately due to inconsistency and conciliation in confronting the rightist forces that defend major capitalism and landownership, it has not been able to carry out decisive and fundamental measures to the benefit of the deprived, which is the inevitable condition for the revolution's victory, and has retreated step by step in the face of the pressure and blackmail of imperialism and rightist circles.

On the eve of the 5th year of victory, the Iranian Revolution has entered a dangerous and destiny-making stage. Four years after victory, it was no longer possible for the main social problems to remain pending and for the country's domestic and foreign policy to remain undetermined. Such basic issues as land, labor law, foreign trade, the status of large capital or the so-called private sector in industries and commerce, housing and landlords and tenants, freedom of the press, the real meaning of the "neither East nor West" policy and such fundamental problems were on the current agenda and had to be solved. It was here that the ultrarightists by gathering all reactionary forces and with the all-out support of imperialism started their open assault and obtained important positions in the economy and government policy.

Naturally, they will not make do with this. And as long as they do not achieve unchallenged domination, they will not desist. The fugitive landlords and capitalists, who are returning to the country with security and guarantees, also will not make do with only taking back plundered properties. They will occupy a prominent place in the government. The onslaught on the Iranian Tudeh Party, which is the most decisive defender of workers' rights, is taking place precisely for this reason.

The statement by the Central Committee of the Iranian Tudeh Party says: The Iranian Tudeh Party has a clear and theoretical program for a fundamental and social transformation. It has stressed for a long time that the fate of the revolution depends on solving social problems. The Iranian Tudeh Party has clear and practical programs and plans which it has published for the information of the public with regard to the distribution of land to farmers and the speedy increase of agricultural products, the industrialization of the country and maintenance of economic independence, a revolutionary labor law and ensuring the rights of the working class and other toilers, nationalization of foreign trade, housing provision for the deprived masses of towns and villages, the expansion of cooperatives and just domestic goods distribution, freedom of the press and revolutionary parties implementation of a national, independent, and revolutionary foreign policy, in short, (?safeguarding) and expanding the revolution and overcoming its problems.

All these programs are within the framework of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Constitution and consistent with its explicit text and spirit. The defenders of large landownership and major capital, who are the enemy of the revolution, the Islamic Republic and its Constitution, are opposed to all these programs. Now that basic and social problems are on the current agenda and the program of the Iranian Tudeh Party is attracting the attention of the broad masses, the ultrarightists are seeking the only way to confront it by applying pressure and creating conditions of repression.

The moment chosen to launch an onslaught on the Iranian Tudeh Party is a sensitive moment. On the one hand, the country is facing serious economic and social problems. High prices are wreaking havoc. Workers are unable to maintain minimum living standards. The government is dutybound to respond somehow to their needs. On the other hand, U.S. imperialism and its allies within and abroad have increased pressure on the Islamic Republic of Iran to the maximum and have prepared a direct military intervention. Unfortunately, Iraq's aggressive war against Iran has changed into a war of attrition with the aid of imperialism. It has harnessed and is exhausting a large part of the revolutionary forces at the fronts. At such a moment, the ultrarightists and defenders of capitalism and large landownership prescribed an assault on the Iranian Tudeh Party as a way to solve the problems. By creating incidents and an atmosphere of intimidation and repression, they would cripple the popular and anti-imperialist forces and defenders of the deprived masses and prepare the ground for dealing the final blow.

The objectives of reactionary and rightist circles in assaulting the Iranian Tudeh Party and accusing it of groundless charges are:

1. The seeds of discord, suspicion, and lack of confidence will be sown among revolutionary forces. Their unity of action in defending the revolution and republic will become untenable and the republic will remain defenseless.

2. Defense of the programs of social transformation in the interest of the workers and defense of their rights will be regarded as an offense. If so far as these programs have been called communist programs, and according to the disgraceful and police culture of the despised Pahlavi regime, these programs were condemned even without a trial, henceforth in addition to this, they also will be regarded as spying.

3. A hard blow will be dealt to the prestige of the Islamic Republic in Iran. In the world and in general, this republic will be undermined.

4. Linking the arrest of the Tudeh Party leaders to the ugly and groundless charge of espionage also will involve the socialist countries and will strain Iran's relations with socialist countries, particularly the Soviet Union, through an intentionally staged incident and sabotage. This will give the imperialists a free hand in applying pressure on Iran.

5. The final and most important aim of the true and behind-the-scene planners of the attack on the Iranian Tudeh Party, regardless of who the implementors of this plan are and what their intentions are, is to create instability in the country and to prepare the ground for overthrowing the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Dear compatriots, this was part of the statement by the Central Committee of the Iranian Tudeh Party in connection with the illegal arrest of a group of leaders of this party. We will bring the rest of this statement to the attention of our dear compatriots in subsequent programs.

Second, Last Part of Statement

TA250939 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian 1730 GMT 24 Mar 83

[Second and last part of Tudeh Party Central Committee statement]

[Text] Dear compatriots: As we have pointed out, restrictions and limitations have been created for all of our homeland's true revolutionary forces and the elements of the ultrarightists and the defenders of the major capitalists and landlords and the pseudo-sources of imitation, in the garb of the hojjatis and SAVAKists who have changed color, recently have embarked on issuing provocative statements to fan the anti-Tudeh climate. Therefore -- as is our custom and as in the past, whether before the revolution or on the eve of the revolution and until this very day, when we have always disseminated the messages, statements, and proclamations of the true revolutionary forces, both religious and nonreligious, particularly those by Imam Khomeyni and the loyal followers of the imam's line -- now too we are bringing to the attention of the dear compatriots the statement by the Central Committee of the Iranian Tudeh Party regarding the illegal arrest of a group of the leaders of that party.

We also must mention that reportedly these same elements of the rightists and defenders of the bazaar's satans and landlords, through the CIA-afflicted hojjatis and implementors of the CIA's and the Zionist Brzezinski's plans and through SAVAKists who have changed color, and in order to aggravate the anti-Tudeh climate and create suitable ground for implementing their treacherous plots against the real patriots and true strugglers on the path of independence, freedom, and social justice, intend to commit a series of subversive acts and perhaps set fire to this or that mosque, assassinate this or that personality and figure, and then blame these crimes on the Iranian Tudeh Party and dissenting revolutionary organizations loyal to the Islamic Republic of Iran. The history of peoples' popular and anti-imperialist movements recalls numerous examples of these plots. While cautioning all our Islamic Republic's realistic officials and drawing their attention to these conspiratorial plans by U.S. agents in the garb of the hojjatis, the SAVAKists, and other elements of the ultra-rightists and pseudosources of imitation, we draw the attention of all the dear compatriots to another and final part of the statement by the Central Committee of the Iranian Tudeh Party.

The statement says: Four years after victory, creating instability in the country has been one of the cornerstones of the policy of imperialism and its agents. During these years, the hatching of coup plots, planting bombs, assassinations, attacks on the offices of parties and newspapers, setting fire to bookshops, preventing the opening of universities, using the veil, sins, and so forth as a pretext to create tension in the country, and finally military intervention in Tabas and the Iraqi regime's treacherous attack on the country, were prepared and staged one after the other so that the Islamic Republic of Iran will have no opportunity to stabilize and consolidate itself but will have to confront an incident every day.

In the post-revolution era, the CIA and other imperialist espionage organizations have lost no opportunity to sow discord and to create misunderstanding and mischief among political groupings and have exploited the slightest mistake by political organizations and trends to entangle the Islamic Republic of Iran. With respect to the Iranian Tudeh Party, which did not and does not have the slightest weak point, rightist circles have embarked on fabricating dossiers.

The Iranian Tudeh Party Central Committee statement continues: Compatriots and Iranian workers, during the entire 4-year period following the revolution's victory, the policy of the Iranian Tudeh Party has been diametrically opposed to the policy of reactionary circles dependent on imperialism and that of the superficial and liberal deputies, landlords and major capitalists. In contrast to them, we have never traversed the path of discord. We have never concealed our beliefs from anyone. We have defended and will defend until the end of the revolutions popular and anti-imperialist character on the basis of our clear and ideological positions. During these 4 years, we have supported every positive step by the Islamic Republic of Iran and have sympathetically and frankly criticized any wrong and deficient measure. During all these years when the policy of the imperialists and their multifarious agents, in alliance with the servants of large capital, was plotting subversion and creating instability, we employed all our might and power to neutralize the plots of imperialism and to stabilize the Islamic Republic of Iran. By gathering all revolutionary forces in a single rank, we tried to move the revolution forward in the interest of the workers and to maintain the country's true independence.

We tried with all our might so that society would have a calm atmosphere based on the law. Our active participation in the referendum and in the elections of the government organs of the Islamic Republic, our active participation in the referendum of the Council of Experts which drafted the Constitution, defense of the popular letter and spirit of this law, acceptance by us of the 10-point statement by the revolution's prosecutor general concerning the legal activity of parties, active participation in television debates, and the frank publication of the party's views are known by everyone.

The Iranian Tudeh Party Central Committee statement points out: During our criticisms, we announced before all other parties our readiness to operate within the framework of the parties law approved by the Majlis. Two years ago, we handed over all our documents to the Ministry of Interior and, as far as we are concerned, we met all legal requirements. Among other things, due to the insistence and emphasis of the authorities and the Ministry of Interior, we gave this ministry a complete list of the leadership with complete information on them including their addresses. We deeply regret that this information was abused in the arrest of our party's leaders. This has dealt an irreparable blow to the prestige and trustworthiness of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Unfortunately, the Iranian Tudeh Parth's consistent, sound, and constructive efforts to establish and consolidate the rule of law have not had the desired effect. In the Iranian Government's policy, certain people have gained the upper hand. They consider violation of the law and suppression of dissenters and even ugly fabrication of dossiers as a solution to their problems and as a means for achieving their aims. Willingly or unwillingly, they are paving the way for restoring a despotic and dependent regime.

Under such conditions, the proud and great duty of defending the gains of the revolution and the Islamic Republic of Iran's Constitution has been transformed more than ever into the urgent task of sincere revolutionary forces, particularly all members and followers of our party.

Despite the relative success gained by reactionary and rightist forces, the Iranian Revolution still possesses great power. In the past, Imam Khomeyni and followers of the revolution's genuine anti-imperialist and popular line have repeatedly overcome difficulties with the aid of the masses. Although this time the situation is much more dangerous than at any other time, all hopes have still not been lost. One can and must defend the revolution and safeguard its gains.

During these 4 years, the revolutionary policy of the Iranian Tudeh Party, which is based on a wealth of scientific and revolutionary theories, has totally proved its correctness. According to this policy, in this revolution, the unity of all revolutionary and anti-imperialist forces, particularly and including the religious revolutionaries who have a popular base, and the followers of theoretical socialism, is something possible and necessary. Imperialist circles are aware of the value and importance of this revolutionary policy and its historical dimension and are preventing its implementation by all possible means.

Following the arrest of the Iranian Tudeh Party's leaders, these circles are trying, on the one hand, to escalate this measure to the level of a general onslaught against democracy. On the other, they are calling into question the party's policy. They are spreading rumors to the effect that allegedly the party's policy has failed or has changed and that allegedly the Tudeh Party has adopted another course. Recent events have not only proved the correctness of our party's policy and the need for its consistent promotion, but particularly have provided more possibilities for its achievement among the lower classes and the masses.

Amid these sensitive moments the masses are gaining experience and guidance for the representatives of the deprived masses as well. One should assist this awareness and experience-seeking and should lay the foundation for a united front of revolutionary forces at all levels, particularly among the masses. One must show that the policy of the Iranian Tudeh Party, contrary to that of the revolution's foes, is not opportunistic. It is unwavering and consistent and will continue until the revolution's final victory.

Without doubt, members and followers of our party are in a very difficult and complex situation. They are receiving blows from wise enemies and ignorant friends. They are exposed to various pressures and intimidations. However, they themselves have consciously and voluntarily chosen this honorable path. Undoubtedly, they will travel the path of the Eranis and Ruzbehs [former Tudeh leaders] with firmer steps and will add new brilliant pages to the proud history of our masses' party.

In conclusion, during these destiny-making moments, we call upon all officials, organizations, parties, and political groups and upon all those interested in the revolution's victory to adopt a sense of responsibility. Let the Islamic Republic of Iran's officials come to their senses and not forget that they are responsible to history and to Iran's contemporary revolutionary generation. If today, instead of confronting the plots of imperialism, they pour grist into its mill, tomorrow it will be too late.

We firmly and strongly protest the arrest of the leaders of the Iranian Tudeh Party and of its first secretary, Comrade Nureddin Kianuri. We categorically and totally reject the ugly and goundless accusations with which they have been charged. We demand that the Islamic Republic of Iran's authorities release immediately and unconditionally these sincere strugglers, outstanding revolutionaries, and consistent servants of the masses' interests and remove the stigma from this republic that it is the prison of the best defenders of the Islamic Republic.

In accordance with our principled policy, during these destiny-making momemnts, we call on all genuine revolutionary forces to unite against imperialism and to cooperate in creating a calm atmosphere and political stability in the country and in developing ane expanding the revolution in the interest of the workers and the deprived.

Let the prisons be empty and the fields and factories be full of revolutionary patriots. Let us all together be one unit against the plots of imperialism and reaction. Instead of staging incidents and creating public tension, let us all together engage in constructive work and consolidate the revolution.

The Iranian Tudeh Party Central Committee statement ends with the following slogans: Long live the Iranian Tudeh Party, the true defender of independence, freedom, and social justice! Long live the unity of all Iranian anti-imperialist and popular forces! Fervent greetings to the Tudeh prisoners. Fervent greetings to Comrade Nureddin Kianuri, first secretary of the Iranian Tudeh Party Central Commmittee.

This was the text of the Iranian Tudeh Party Central Committee statement in connection with the illegal arrest of a group of its leaders.

KGB, TUDEH PARTY LEADERS' ARREST VIEWED

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["On Margin of International Politics" program -- "daily program in which we review hidden aspects of political games of powers of international arrogance on international arena"]

[Excerpts] Dear listeners: Peace and God's mercy and blessings be upon you. In today's program, we will present the last episode on the Soviet intelligence service, the KGB. We will talk about the academy of the Soviet intelligence service and the role played by KGB agents on the international arena. [music]

Brothers, the Soviet intelligence school lies in the Gorkiy suburg of Moscow and is known as the [words indistinct] Academy. Scores of Soviet spies daily are graduated from the academy.

There are now scores of Soviet spies, or those who are loyal to Moscow living in countries of interest to the Soviet Union, particularly the United States. The Soviet agents resort to various methods to collect practical and scientific information as well as information on nuclear research carried out in the United States and to discover the weaknesses among U.S. citizens that can be exploited to induce Americans to work for the Soviet intelligence service as agents.

The Soviet intelligence service believes that one of its major tasks is to charge pro-Moscow communist parties with their espionage activities. This is, in fact, what happened in the Islamic Republic when the majority of the central leadership of the communist Tudeh Party was arrested on the charge of spying for the Soviet Union. By such action, the Islamic Republic has proved that it is determined to cleanse its territory of the agents of the superpowers, whether such agents work for the United States -- and this was the case in the U.S. spy den -- or whether it is a case like that which recently happened to the leadership of the communist, infidel, and puppet Tudeh Party.

COMMUNIQUE RECOUNTS KORDESTAN OPERATIONS

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[Text] The following communique has been issued by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Greetings to the pure souls of all the dear martyrs of the Islamic Revolution and all the combatants on the war fronts, and wishing good health and long life for the commander-in-chief and the dear imam of the ummah, the idol-crushing Khomeyni; a report on the victorious operations of the self-sacrificing forces of Islam in the war against traitorous agents affiliated to world blasphemy in Kordestan, which on the threshold of the fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Islamic Republic have added more golden pages to the history of the Islamic Revolution, is brought to the attention of the martyr-nurturing and brave nation of Iran, as follows:

The combatants of Islam, comprising self-sacrificing personnel of the guards and the mobilization headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and brave personnel of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Muslim Kurdish peshmergas, during the past 48 hours, with God's blessings, and under the command of the Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shuhada headquarters, the center of the joint operations of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, during a victorious operation codenamed "Ya Rasul Allah", have dealt further blows to the counterrevolutionaries affiliated to the East and West and cleansed other parts of the Kurdish inhabited areas of our dear, Islamic homeland of their filthy presence.

During this victorious operation, the forces of Islam mopped-up the (Hashtian-Shurdel) axis, situated in the (Suma-ye Beradust) region and the villages of (Kani Shur), Sufian, and (Piranduz) and crushed the counterrevolutionaries' hideouts. During the mopping-up operations two prominent commanders of the counterrevolutionaries, named (Kamal Barezani) and (Khorshid Fuladi) were killed, along with 25 others. A number were wounded and 10 were arrested by the forces of Islam.

Continuing these operations, on the Sar Dasht axis, the God-seeking, self-sacrificing combatants of Islam, while destroying counterrevolutionary positions in the village of (Banavileh) and the nearby heights, continued their advance on the Sar Dasht-Mahabad road and killed or injured at least 20 counterrevolutionaries.

Also, during these completely successful operations, the heights overlooking the villages of (Qarehkan), (Salavarchin), and (Seyfeddin-e Pa'in) near Bukan were cleansed of the filthy presence of the anti-people agent minigroups and were captured by the defenders of the Islamic Revolution and more than 10 counterrevolutionaries were killed.

It should be pointed out that during these mopping-up operations, more than 25 light weapons, ammunition, military vehicles and interorganizational documents were seized by the self-sacrificing combatants of Islam.

[Signed] The Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shuhada headquarters, the center of joint operations of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE NO 1,262

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[Communique No 1,262 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Yesterday, exchange of fire continued on the border fronts of Ilam, Qasr-e Shirin, and Bakhtaran. Our forces returned the enemy fire, preventing the activities of the aggressors, and destroying a number of personnel and light and heavy arms emplacements. In the Marivan sector, exchange of fire was in progress. By bringing enemy positions across the border under fire the forces of Islam killed several Saddamists. In the Paveh sector, thanks to our forces' superior firepower, the enemy fire was silenced and enemy movements halted.

During the past 24 hours, exchange of fire between our and enemy forces continued in the southern operational theater, and our combatants defended their positions. Iranian fire destroyed eight trenches and foxholes and observation posts of the Saddists on the other side of the Arvand Rud and set an enemy ammunition dump on fire.

Yesterday, the residential parts of Abadan came under continual long-range enemy artillery fire, resulting in the wrecking of a number of houses and the injuring of one of our compatriots.

During the past 24 hours, enemy aerial acts of aggression were promptly repelled thanks to heavy anti-aircraft fire and tactical measure taken by our fighter planes, and the aggressive planes were forced to flee.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran